

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Financial Assistance

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Air Force Aid Society

Airman & Family Readiness Center
11 FSS/FSFR
1191 Menoher Drive
Andrews AFB, MD 20762
www.afas.org

301-981-7087 (V)

Support the Air Force mission by providing worldwide emergency assistance, sponsoring education assistance programs and offering an array of base community enhancement programs that improve quality of life for Airmen and their families. The Society provides interest free loans and grants based on the individual situation for needs such as basic living expenses, emergency travel, vehicle expenses, funeral expenses, medical/dental, child care/respice, moving expenses and miscellaneous expenses. Airmen or eligible family members who have an emergency need should contact the nearest Air Force Aid Society office. Eligible persons include:

- Active duty Air Force personnel and their eligible family members
- Retired Air Force personnel and their eligible family members, but not on a continuing basis, and based on a case-by-case review
- Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve personnel away from home station on extended active duty 15 days or more under Title 10 USC
- Spouses and dependent age children of deceased Air Force personnel (who died on active duty or in retired status)

American Red Cross – Military Family Services

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bldg 8, 2nd Floor, Rm 2189
Bethesda, MD 20889
www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/services-for-veterans

1-877-272-7337 (Toll Free)
301-295-1538 (V)

Red Cross provides emergency communications, access to emergency financial assistance, information and referral, veterans assistance, and aid in the field where Red Cross workers are deployed to service with America's military.

Army Emergency Relief (AER)

2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 13161, 13th Floor
Alexandria, VA 22202
Email: assistance@aerhq.org
www.aerhq.org

1-866-878-6378 (Toll Free)

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of its Own". Help with emergency financial needs including food, rent or utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, medical/dental expenses, personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen, appliances or HVAC, and car seats, and give undergraduate-level education scholarships, based primarily on financial needs, to children of soldiers. Requests are processed at any of the 76 AER Sections located on Army installations around the world. Emergency relief eligible for:

- soldiers on active duty and their eligible dependents;
- members of the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve on continuous active duty for more than 30 days and their dependents;

- soldiers retired from active duty because of longevity or physical disability, or retired upon reaching age 60 (Reserve Components) and their dependents;
- medically retired soldiers and their eligible family members;
- widows, widowers, or orphans of soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

Email: info@saluteheroes.org
<https://saluteheroes.org/get-help>

1-888-447-2588 (Toll Free)

Emergency financial relief often covers expenses such as: utility bills (gas, electric, water, cable, internet, and phone service), car payments and repair costs, mortgage and rent payments, groceries, baby formula, and household supplies, school supplies and clothing, and medical bills. Exclusively assist U.S. servicemen and women who have been severely injured while serving in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. To be eligible for emergency financial relief or other forms of aid, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- A service-connected injury occurring in theater in either Iraq or Afghanistan;
- A disability rating assigned by the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs of 30 percent or greater from a single, sustained injury;
- Currently experiencing severe financial hardship;
- Completion of a Coalition to Salute America's Heroes aid application and timely submission supporting documentation as requested; and
- Completion of a phone interview with a Coalition to Salute America's Heroes case manager.

Interest applicants can fill out the [online form](#). If you are facing an eviction, a shut-off of utility services or an emergency need due to a natural disaster, please call their emergency hotline at 703-291-4605 and choose option 101 to speak with a case manager.

Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place

www.friendshipplace.org/veterans

202-658-9599 (V)

Veterans First is a Rapid Rehousing program providing supportive housing services to veterans and their families in the DC Metro area. Provide case management to assist with locating affordable housing, assistance with paying first month's rent and security deposit, and emergency rental and utility assistance. Friendship Place is a recipient of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) - Transportation Network

Department of Maryland

410-539-1310 (V)

Tommie L. Hawkins, State TN/Service Coordinator
101 N. Gay Street, Rm. B
Baltimore, MD 21201

Baltimore VA Medical Center

410-605-7000 x 6733 (V)

Dale E. Frazier, Hospital Service Coordinator
10 N. Greene St., Rm. 1D161
Baltimore, MD 21201

www.dav.org/veterans/i-need-a-ride

Free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans.

EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation

Email: info@eodwarriorfoundation.org
www.eodwarriorfoundation.org

1-850-729-2336 (V)

Provides financial assistance to EOD warriors and families to help alleviate the financial burdens and stress during their most difficult times. EOD stands for Explosive Ordnance Disposal, the disarming and disposal of bombs. EOD technicians are highly-trained military members serving in the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force who are responsible for disarming, rendering safe and disposing bombs. The Foundation awards two types of grants: initial grants and follow-on grants.

Initial Grants for Wounded Warriors: A \$3,000 grant is issued to provide immediate financial support to newly combat-injured EOD personnel and their families when they return stateside for treatment. The grants are often used to bring together a wider circle of family support for the wounded warrior and their immediate family.

Follow-on Grants: Additional awards are granted to wounded, injured and ill EOD personnel and families of wounded and fallen warriors on a case-by-case basis. These awards provide financial assistance for expenses such as child care, adaptive equipment, retreats, travel expenses and debt relief.

The Foundation provides additional support and resources to assist EOD warriors and families as they face challenges, changes and uncertainty in their lives. Support includes, but is not limited to: connections to fellow warriors for peer support and mentoring; visits and sustained outreach with EOD warriors; retreat offerings throughout the year; resources and support systems for EOD warriors; and one-on-one support with EOD Family Caseworker

National Guard Financial Management Awareness Program (FMAP)

www.jointservicesupport.org/FMAP

The program helps National Guard members and their spouses improve their financial preparedness by providing free resources and encouraging sound financial practices.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society – Financial Assistance and Counseling

Building 11, Room 118
9045 Beale Road
Bethesda, MD 20889

Email: Bethesda@nmcrs.org
www.nmcrs.org/pages/financial-assistance-and-counseling

301-295-1207 (V)

Provide interest free loans and grants to help with a wide range of financial needs. Common situations include: food; rent/mortgage, utilities, essential home repairs; establishing a new residence, including security and utility deposits; car expenses, such as repairs and insurance deductibles; medical expenses; military pay shortage / delayed entitlements; and funeral expenses. Financial resources and assistance are available to: active duty or retired Sailors and Marines; eligible family members with military ID card; surviving spouses; and Reservists on active duty of 30 days or more.

Operation Homefront

Email: mid-atlantic@operationhomefront.org
www.operationhomefront.net/dcmetro/default.aspx

703-421-9033 (V)

1-800-779-5903 (Toll Free)

1-877-264-3968 (Critical Financial Assistance Line)

Provide emergency assistance to troops, families, and returning wounded warriors. Programs include emergency aid (food, baby care items, vehicle donation and repair), furniture program (donate household and baby furniture, working-order appliances), computer program (allow children and spouses to stay in touch with loved ones), financial assistance (for crises such as illness, homelessness, and death), and moving (provide physical labor for families when a service member is deployed). Many programs are open to all active military families, although some are restricted to military families coping with deployment and injury recovery (from trauma through successful transition back to civilian life).

Operation Second Chance

Email: assistance@operationsecondchance.org
<http://operationsecondchance.org/supportandassistance>

301-972-1080 (V)
1-888-672-4838 (Toll Free)

Provide airfare and essential daily assistance. Items that will be considered for assistance:

- Rent/Mortgage (must be accompanied by a copy of mortgage statement with account number and billing address. If rental assistance is being requested, a copy of the rental agreement that has the name/address of the rental/lease company, monthly rent amount.
- Utility bills (electric, gas, water, sewer).
- Childcare during illness or surgery.
- Housing and/or airfare for a family member to assist an injured or recovering member.

Please have your service liaison, chain of command, or care provider request an application by email.

Rebuild Hope

Email: dana@rebuildhope.org
www.rebuildhope.org

National network that “connects” donors to beneficiaries and helps severely disabled OIF/OEF veterans transition from military to civilian lives by providing emergency financial support. A strong preference is given to veterans who were medically discharged during the prior three years AND are awaiting service-connected disability compensation from the Veterans Administration. Provide emergency grants and no-interest loans to pay for essential needs and help identify additional sources of financial assistance. Helps eligible veterans evaluate their current household financial circumstances and prospects; create a conservative set of financial assumptions about the next 12 months; create a 12-month cash flow-based budget and financial roadmap; pay for essential family needs via either grants, no-interest loans or a combination (note: the application process is identical for both types of assistance); access free online financial literacy programs; identify additional sources of financial assistance; and identify sources of essential non-financial services.

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Unmet Needs Program

Email: unmetneeds@vfw.org
www.vfw.org/unmetneeds

1-866-789-6333 (Toll Free)

Provides grants (not loans) up to \$1,500 and referrals to other organizations to active duty or recently discharged service members and their immediate families to assist with basic life needs. Service member has to be on active duty or discharged from active duty within 36 months prior to applying, and negatively affected by their military service. Unmet Needs assists with any expenses that are classified as “basic life needs”, which includes, but is not limited to the following: housing expenses such as mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance, vehicle expenses such as payments, repairs, insurance, utilities and primary phone, food and incidentals, children’s clothing, diapers, formula, necessary school or childcare expenses, and medical bills, prescriptions and eyeglasses – the patient’s portion for necessary or emergency medical care only.

Wicomico Memorial VFW Post 10159

Has funds available to Veterans who are in need of emergency financial assistance for short-term needs such as utilities, rent, mortgage assistance, food and clothing. Interested Veterans need to fill out an eligibility form and submit their DD214, and a copy of the bill to Thomas Kimball at thomaskimball@comcast.net. A committee will review the application for approval. [Download the eligibility form.](#)

Veterans Trust Fund – Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Denise Nowlin, Grant Administrator
16 Francis Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

410-230-3836 (V)

Email: mdveteranstrust.mdva@maryland.gov

<http://veterans.maryland.gov/maryland-department-of-veterans-affairs-veterans-trust-fund/>

Legislation establishing the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund was passed during the 2009 Session of the Maryland General Assembly and signed into law on May 19th, 2009. In 2013, the legislation was amended and the Trust is now a 501(c)(3) fund. The legislation authorizes the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to receive donations, and then make grants and loans to veterans and their family members who are in dire financial situations, or to private organizations that help veterans (homeless programs, substance abuse programs, etc.). The Trust Fund gives citizens, businesses, and other organizations a way to express their support to veteran causes through their donations and contributions.

Applications for grants/loans from the Trust Fund are reviewed by the Maryland Trust Fund Review Committee, which consists of the Deputy Secretary, MDVA Directors, and representatives from the Maryland Veterans Commission and the Maryland Veterans Home Commission. Recommendations are made to the Secretary or designee, who makes the final decision on whether or not an application is approved.

There are two donations forms – one for individuals and one for businesses. To request a donation application contact Mark Hendricks, MDVA Grant Administrator, 410-230-4444, ext.6460 or 800-446-4926, ext.6460. Checks should be made out to Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.